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EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED OFFICIAL LETTER(20-IV-C-574, DATED
JANUARY 14, 1976) ON CONSULTATION LEVELS UNDER TEXTILE BILATERAL
FROM GABRIEL ZORRILLA MARTINEZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INDUSTRY,
SECRETARIAT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE. INFORMAL TRANSLATION
SPANISH TEXT FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT:
IN OFFICIAL LETTER NUMBER 3 DATED LAST DECEMBER 23, THIS
SECRETARIAT, THROUGH YOUR GOOD OFFICES, CONSULTED WITH THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT ON EXPORT QUOTA INCREASE IN CATEGORIES 200,
213,223,219,225,235 &238 OF THE BILATERAL TEXTILE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN BOTH COUNTRIES.
NOW THAT THIS OFFICE HAS PREPARED ACTUAL STATISTICS ON
EXPORTS UNDER THE AGREEMENT, IT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED THAT, IN
ADDITION TO THE CATGORIES CITED ABOVE, MAXIMUM LEVELS
HAVE BEEN REACHED OR EXCEEDED IN OTHER CATGORIES. BE-
CASUE OF THIS, LET ME ASK ONCE AGAIN THAT YOU TRANSMIT
TO YOUR GOVERNMENT A REQUEST FOR AN INCREASE IN CONSUL-
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TATION LEVELS AS FOLLOWS:

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GROUP I
IN THIS GROUP, ACCORDING TO STATISTICS AVAILABLE UP TO
SEPT. 30, THE CATEGORY 200C ONSULTATION LEVEL OF 1,000,000
SQUARE YARDS HAD BEEN EXCEEDED BY 678,000 SQUARE YARDS.
BASED ON THIS EXCESS, AND CALCULATED EXPORT REQIREMENTS,
ONLY A 3,000,000 SQUARE YARD INCREASE WAS REQUESTED TO
COVER THE EXCESS AND THE PROJECTED EXPORTS OF THE RESPECTIVE
COMPANIES.

NEVERTHELESS, UPON EXAMINATION OF ACTUAL U.S. MARKET
SALES WITH THE PLANTS, IT WAS LEARNED THAT THESE SALES
ARE SUBSTANTIALLY ABOVE THE 3,000,000 SQUARE YARD INCREASE
REQUESTED. MOREOVER, NEW STATISTICS, COMPILED TO
NOVEMBER 30 INDICATE A CATEGORY 200 EXCESS OF 2,865,000
SQUARE YARDS WHICH, NATURALLY, CANNOT BE MET BY THE AMOUNT
ORIGINALLY REQUESTED.

FOR THIS REASON, IN ADDITION TO THE 3,000,000 SQUARE YARDS
NOW COVERING THE 2,865,000 CATEGORY 200 EXCESS THROUGH NOV.
30, A TOTAL OF 8,700,000 SQUARE YARDS ARE NECESSARY TO MEET
EXPORT REQUIREMENTS THROUGH APRIL 30 OF THIS YEAR. THE
GLOBAL SUM OF THE INCREASE FOR THIS CATEGORY, APPLICABLE
TO GROUP I AVAILABILITY, TOTALS 11,700,000 SQUARE YARDS.
AN ANALYSIS OF THE STATISTICS THROUGH NOVEMBER 30 ALSO
REVEALED AN EXCESS OF 842,000 SQUARE YARDS OVER THE CATE-
GORY 201 CONSULTATION LEVEL OF 1,000,000 SQUARE YARDS.
IN THIS CASE, AN AMPLIFICATION OF THIS LEVEL, IN THE AMOUNT
OF 7,650,000 SQUARE YARDS, IS REQUESTED TO COVER THE EXCESS
842,000 SQUARE YARDS REGISTERED THROUGH NOVEMBER 30 AND
PROVIDE FOR EXPORT PROGRAMS THROUGH NEXT APRIL. THIS
INCREASE CAN APPLY TO GROUP I AVAILABILITY.
IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT THESE CONSULTATIONS MUST
TAKE PLACE TO SATISFY THE EXPORT DEMANDS OF MEXICAN INDUSTRY
AND, AS A RESULT OF THE FACT THAT THE U.S. GOVERNEMTN
PRACTICALLY CONSIDERS ALL FILAMENTS AS ARTIFICIAL FIBERS
AND SYNTHETICS EXPRESSLY EXCLUDED IN ARTICLE 12 OF THE
INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE TRADE AGREEMENT OF GATT,
THAT, OBVIOUSLY, THE MEXICAN GOVERNEMT THOUGHT
QUOTA FREE EXPORTS IN BOTH CATEGORY 200 AND CATEGORY 201 WERE
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GROUP III
THE FOLLOWING EXPANSION OF THE GROUP III CONSULTATION LEVEL
IS REQUESTED IN CATEGORIES 116 AND 122:

	SQUARE YARDS	
CATEGORY	CONSULTATION LEVEL	REQUIRED INCREASE
116	100,000	70,000
122	700,000	200,000

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PLEASE INFORM YOUR GOVERNMENT THAT THIS CONSULTATION REQUEST, AND THAT PREVIOUSLY CONTAINED IN THE DECEMBER 23 OFFICIAL LETTER, SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT MODIFICATION AND, IF POSSIBLE, THE REQUESTED INCREASES IN CATEGORIES 200 AND 201 LEVELS BE ASSIGNED PRIORITY ATTENTION, GIVEN THE URGENCY OF CONTINUING EXPORTS TO THE U.S. MARKET. (CUSTOMARY CLOSING).
END TEXT
EMBASSY FORWARDING ORIGINAL LETTER BY POUCH.
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